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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: David H. Bollinger
MASAYOSHI FUKATSU ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3653
Application No.: 10/622,474)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 4527
Filed: July 21, 2003)	
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For: SHEET CONVEYING APPARATUS,)	January 10, 2005
SHEET POST-PROCESSING	:	
APPARATUS, AND IMAGE FORMING)	
APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH SHEET :	:	
CONVEYING APPARATUS AND)	
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	:	

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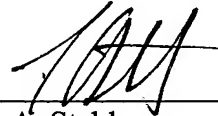
RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the outstanding election of species requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute the species identified as Group I, corresponding to Figures 9-13. Applicants believe that claims 1-6, 8 and 10-17 read on the elected species.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C.
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